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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS DEVIL GIRL FROM MARS AS PART OF SCHLOCKFEST FILM SERIES

Earthlings Are Inferior...But Your Men Will Do

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will screen the film *Devil Girl from Mars* on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The film is part of the library's monthly SchlockFest film screenings, an homage to the classic B movies from Hollywood's Golden Age. This event is FREE to the public.

Dipped in a skintight, all black, vinyl get-up, Nyah, a statuesque Martian who just so happens to fit all the earthly va-va-voom requirements, is on a stud hunt. It seems the male population of the red planet is dying off and the women of Mars need men! Armed with a ray-gun and campy toaster-box robot side kick, she descends upon the Scottish moors on her way to London. Do the women of Earth put up a fight or do they use this opportunity to get rid of their male oppressors? Playing on emerging post World War II sexual themes of female domination, *Devil Girl from Mars* brings male fantasies to the big screen while still appealing the female spirit of resistance.

When Hugo and Nebula award winning author Octavia Butler first saw this 1954 British science fiction film at the age of 12, she was so appalled by the poor writing that she decided to have a go at it herself. Based on her amazing body of work, the *Devil Girl from Mars* and genre of Schlock itself, proves that it has more to contribute to society than just bad movies.

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